## **Variances to Standards Rubric Considerations**

Variance implementation: (Circle) Initial Renewal 1st semester 2nd semester	
Application # Standard(s) for which variance is requested:	
Reviewer's Name Date	
Administrative Rule Criteria	Considerations for Application of the Criteria
Application contains evidence that local school community stakeholders were involved in the consideration and development of the proposed variance. Criteria 10.55.604 (1)(b)	<ul> <li>This can be</li> <li>a school board meeting dated sign-in sheet</li> <li>a description of the Leadership Team process and membership</li> <li>evidence such as parent/student surveys</li> </ul>
Application contains evidence that the application for the proposed variance was adopted at an official, properly noticed meeting of the board of trustees. Criteria 10.55.604 (1)(b)	<ul> <li>Must have</li> <li>Notice of Board meeting where variance request is on the agenda</li> <li>Minutes of the Board meeting where the application was approved</li> </ul>
Description of the variance	<ul> <li>Must have a description that is</li> <li>clearly stated with as much detail as possible</li> <li>provides all necessary information that reviewers need in order to act upon the application</li> <li>addresses both the current standard and the way in which the variance would alter it</li> </ul>
Statement of mission and goals of this proposed variance	<ul> <li>Mission is the overall "big picture." May include how the variance fits into the overall purpose of the school.</li> <li>Goal is the overall outcome intended by the variance.</li> </ul>
Statement of specific measurable objective(s) which demonstrate that the variance will meet or exceed results under the BPE adopted standard	<ul> <li>Measurable objective: who, will do what, by when, as measured by what?</li> <li>Re-read the BPE adopted standard(s).</li> <li>What is the intent of the standard?</li> <li>What are the intended outcomes of the standard?</li> <li>Does the application make a convincing case that these outcomes will be met or exceeded through this variance?</li> </ul>

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Data to be gathered as	Consider:
Data to be gathered as evidence of progress toward	
meeting the measurable	Does the data to be gathered related directly to the intended outcomes
objectives	of the variance?
	Is the data to be gathered sufficient to evaluate the success of the
	variance?
Variance to standard meets	The variance may impact students directly or may impact those who teach them.
the specific needs of the	May include:
students in your school(s)	<ul> <li>Description of school</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Specific conditions or challenges</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Local demographics</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Teacher experience/expertise</li> </ul>
	School or community culture
Variance is workable	Workable. "Doable." Consider resources for the success of the variance:
Criteria 10.55.604 (1) (a)	• funding
	• staff
	<ul> <li>school configuration</li> </ul>
	enrollment
	• facilities
	scheduling
	• etc.
Variance is educationally	Consider
sound	Does the application cite where this approach has been used successfully
Criteria 10.55.604 (1) (a)	elsewhere?
	Does the application cite research?
	<ul> <li>Does the applicant use any data to support the educational soundness of the</li> </ul>
	variance?
Variance is aligned with	Consider:
program standards	Does the application provide a complete crosswalk to the program delivery
(Only applies to those	standards?
standards, which also have a	<ul> <li>Is the alignment easily recognized and does it make sense?</li> </ul>
related program delivery	
standard)	Do the personnel for the variance have the skills and knowledge to meet the      The personnel for the variance have the skills and knowledge to meet the
Criteria 10.55.604 (1) (a)	program delivery standards?
Designed to meet the content	Consider:
standards for this area of the	<ul> <li>Does the application provide a complete crosswalk to the content standards?</li> </ul>
curriculum	Is the alignment easily recognized and does it make sense
(Only applies to those	<ul> <li>Do the personnel implementing the variance have the skills and knowledge</li> </ul>
standards, which also have	needed to meet the content standards?
related curriculum content	needed to meet the content standards:
standards)	

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